

### **Remarks**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and further examination are requested.

The drawings have been objected to as containing a number of informalities. Each of the objections will be addressed below.

Regarding the objection to Figure 12, paragraph [0113] of the specification has been amended so as to address this objection. No new matter has been added. As a result, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Figure 34, it is indicated that the element labeled “338” in the figure is labeled “348” in paragraph [0176]. However, after reviewing the figure and the specification, it appears that the communications part is labeled “348” in both Figure 34 and paragraph [0176] of the substitute specification filed on October 28, 2003. As a result, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Figure 36, it is indicated that the element labeled “5” in the figure is labeled “6” in paragraph [0176]. However, after reviewing the figure and the specification, it appears that the display is labeled “5” in both Figure 36 and paragraph [0186] of the substitute specification filed on October 28, 2003. As a result, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objections to Figures 42 and 44, it is noted that step S617 is mentioned in paragraph [0226] and step S6162 is mentioned in paragraph [0213] of the substitute specification filed on October 28, 2003. As a result, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 16, 20, 35, 36, 40, 45, 52, 70 and 72 have been allowed. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

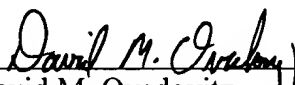
Claims 63, 64 and 66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okude (US 6,175,802) in view of Yoshida (US 5,699,056) and Iwamura (US 5,602,564). Claim 68 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okude in view of Kakiyama (US 5,293,163) and Iwamura.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the application, claims 63, 64, 66 and 68 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. As a result, only allowable claims remain pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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